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Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell and Tate:

I'm a deaf person and I use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate. I was appalled to learn that the FCC staff is intent on drastically cutting the VRS rate, and effectively cutting VRS Availability for the deaf. Instead of seeking to limit the number of deaf people with VRS access, the FCC should do everything in its power to make VRS available to more deaf people.

I along with other Deaf individuals, use these services in both my work and personal life. It is an important way in which I communicate with both hearing and deaf individuals. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

The VRS ~~and~~ rate should encourage the VRS providers to:

- * Serve more deaf people, not discourage them from reaching out to ~~more~~ ^{more} deaf ~~people~~ ^{people}.
- * Provide interpreter training programs so that there will be an adequate number of qualified interpreters for VRS and the local Deaf communities.

● * Provide service and technology improvements, such as the developments of new videophone equipment, fulfilling the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) mandate of functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

I along with other deaf individuals, their families and coworkers, ~~depend~~^{depend} on VRS and other relay services.

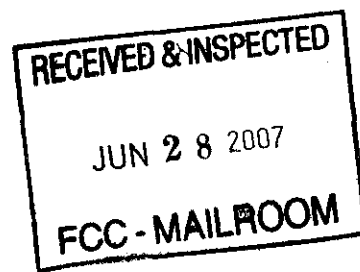
Please stop any VRS programs cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Acts (ADA) to provide
● Deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications services.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Carolan

May 2007

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554



Re: TRS Fund-Drastic VRS Rate Cuts

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

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I, along with other Hearing / Deaf individuals, use these services in both my work and personal life. It is an important way in which I / we communicate with both hearing and deaf individuals. I urge you to do everything you can to make VRS service available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

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Signature

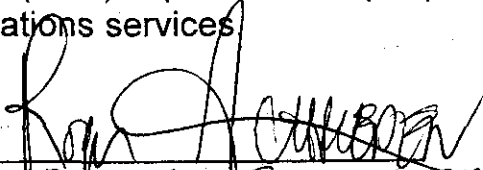
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